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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"It is claimed that the work is too heavy and he needs a Personal Assistant to attend to them. May I know what the reasons are for his stationing the office at Ootacamund and whether the removal of the office from Ootacamund to Madras will not give him more time to attend to his duties?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"It is impossible to answer that till the office is actually removed to Madras."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know the nature of the additional work that has grown up in recent years?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Notice."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether the Government have considered the possibility of further retrenchment by reason of the abolition of some jails in the department? I mean the Central Jail at Alipuram."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"It is not a Central Jail."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"Yes, I corrected myself and said 'some jails'."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I ask whether the Government have considered the possibility of amalgamating some of the certified schools in the district with the other school at Chingleput, and thereby effecting a retrenchment?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"It is not possible to amalgamate."

Prevalence of appendicitis among the Civil Disobedience prisoners.

* 76 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a large number of civil disobedience prisoners suffered from appendicitis while in jails in the Presidency since the beginning of this year;

(*b*) if so, will the hon. Member state (i) their names, (ii) their class, (iii) the jails where they got the attack, (iv) the cause of their disease, (v) what treatment was given to each and where it was given and what the result was in each case; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The hon. Member is referred to rules 513–515 B and 573–581 of the Jail Manual regarding the treatment of sick prisoners in jails. The Government do not propose to take any action in the matter.

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Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that the percentage of patients suffering from appendicitis in the several jails is increasing?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I am not aware of that."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask the hon. the Law Member whether Mr. Satyamurti, an ex Member of this House, is suffering from appendicitis?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"He is suspected to be suffering from appendicitis. I believe that the medical authorities have not yet come to a final conclusion."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Government would consider the desirability of releasing him or suspending his remaining term of the sentence?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No such representation has been made to Government."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know whether the hon. Member will be pleased to place the information referred to in clauses (*a*) and (*b*)?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Yes."

Treatment in the General Hospital of 'A' class prisoners suffering from illness.

* 77 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) when 'A' class prisoners suffer from illness and are sent to the General Hospital for treatment, in which ward they are placed; and

(*b*) what the cost per head is in the ward in which they are placed then and what the cost allowed for 'A' class prisoners in the jails is?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The information has been called for.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know whether the information, when ready, will be placed on the table of the House?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Yes."

Supply of buttermilk to prisoners.

* 78 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have passed orders sanctioning the grant of buttermilk to prisoners; if so, when was the said order made and communicated to the Inspector-General of Prisons; and

(*b*) whether the said order has been put into operation and the prisoners in the jails been given buttermilk; if so, since which date are they being supplied with buttermilk?